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IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CAN HELP YOU "DECK THE HALLS"
WITH GIFTS OF NATURE

For all who are dreaming of a wildlife Christmas -- just like the ones you used to know -- the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has packed a stocking full of unique holiday gift ideas for outdoor enthusiasts of all ages.

With U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service presents, you'll introduce everyone on your Yuletide gift list to America's rich wildlife heritage -- itself a gift to all Americans at a time of year when we give thanks for this Nation's natural bounty.

A sampling of this year's holiday fare from the Fish and Wildlife Service includes:

Restoring America's Wildlife -- the 394-page, hardbound, full-color story of how America's most popular wildlife species -- white-tailed deer, wild turkey, and pronghorn antelope, among others -- have rebounded from scarcity to abundance.

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A great window on wildlife for students, sportsmen, and nature fans at the holiday price of \$20 from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC, 20402-9325, 202/783-3238, (stock number 024-010-00671-4).

- o "In Celebration of America's Wildlife" -- a 57-minute color videotape companion to Restoring America's Wildlife provides an armchair tour of many of the most exciting and unusual wildlife management projects underway in the United States today. You'll tramp the Maine backwoods looking for bears, ride the Texas range on antelope surveys, and track mountain lions over the Colorado wilderness by airplane. Offered at the bargain price of \$12 in either VHS or Beta from Commonwealth Films, 1500 Brook Road, Richmond, Virginia 23220, 804/649-8611.
- o "Bringing Wildlife Back" -- a 17-inch x 22-inch full-color poster that depicts four of the Nation's most prized game animals -- desert bighorn sheep, wild turkey, mountain lion, and white-tailed deer. Sure to please the wildlife lover in your home; a decorative touch for hunting camps and summer homes, too. \$3.50, rolled in mailing tubes, from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, DC, 20402-9325, 202/783-3238, (stock number 024-010-00669-2).
- o Duck Stamps -- You've heard of Christmas seals and wildlife stamps -- now also think Duck Stamps at holiday time. The new \$10 Federal Duck Stamp will help buy a piece of wetland real estate that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will manage for you as a part of America's National Wildlife Refuge System. Duck Stamps are your quickest and easiest route to wildlife conservation, and they are conveniently sold at most post offices and national wildlife refuge visitor centers. Stamp collectors also prize the Duck Stamp as a colorful addition to their collections, so why not pick up several as handy "stocking stuffers"?

"We would also like to share our gifts with the American public this holiday season by inviting one and all to the seasonal open house at all of the 441 national wildlife refuges," says Fish and Wildlife Service Director Frank Dunkle. "From sleigh rides to view the elk herds at the National Elk Refuge in Wyoming to the tropical birds at Ding Darling Refuge on the Florida Gulf Coast, nature is putting on a holiday wildlife show the whole family can enjoy. Come visit this season for a real wildlife experience!"

For a free guide to the National Wildlife Refuge System, write "Refuge Visitors Guide," U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Publications Unit, Room 148, Matomic Building, Washington, DC, 20240.